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MEMORANDUM FOR : Deputy Director for Support  
SUBJECT : Student Protest Movement

1. This memorandum is for information only.
2. At your request this Office has initiated a study of the student protest movement in the United States, its activities and tactics, its ideological base and possible foreign links.
3. I have assigned one man to devote a major portion of his time to compiling the necessary data base by inputting materials from this Office's files, the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the military services. A research reference file has been established to provide listings of protests by date, location or campus, cause or reason, organizations involved, key personalities, etc. In addition, two men have been assigned on a part time basis to screen and extract materials from the records of Recruitment Division, Office of Personnel, which pertain to protests against CIA recruitment and research, and new materials being collected by our field offices regarding protests against other targets. The OCI Watch Office has agreed to seek information relative to foreign links to the student protest movement and will advise this Office upon completion of its research.
4. The major problem to be surmounted in assembling the data base is the information retrieval system utilized by the FBI and the military services, i. e. indexing by personalities and organizations, not by such a category as "student protests." Although we also utilize this type of system for operational efficiency, we are fortunate to have voluminous omnibus files on the Vietnam protest movement and harassment of Agency recruiters, in addition to our files on many of the organizations and personalities involved.

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5. The FBI has advised it shortly will issue a monograph on trends and developments in the student protest movement since the Fall of 1967. The monograph is currently being printed. We have been assured that copies will be distributed to the Director, the DD/P and this Office. Upon receipt of the monograph by this office it will be forwarded to you for your information.

6. I will keep you advised on the progress of the research.

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Director of Security

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